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AMENDMENT/SUBMISSION

This is a response to the Office Action mailed July 13, 2001 in the above-identified application. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

FEES CALCULATION

Any additional fee required has been calculated as follows:

 If checked, "Small Entity" status is claimed.

NO. CLAIMS AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR		EXTRA PRESENT	RATE	ADDIT. FEE
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If this communication is filed after the shortened statutory time period had elapsed and no separate Petition is enclosed, the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is petitioned, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), to extend the time for filing a response to the outstanding Office Action by the number of months which will avoid abandonment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.135. The fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 should be charged to our Deposit Account No. 15-0700.

AMENDMENTS

If checked, amendment(s) to the specification and/or claims are submitted herewith.

1. If checked, an abstract is submitted as the last page of Appendix A.

2. **Claims:**

Please cancel claim 18 without prejudice.

Please amend claim 17 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(i) as set forth in the "clean" version attached hereto as Appendix A. Entry is respectfully requested. A version with markings to show the changes made pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(ii) is attached hereto as Appendix B.

If checked, the optional complete set of "clean" claims pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(3) is attached hereto as Appendix C.